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HOUSE BILL No. 84.]

[SES. 1862-'63.]

Introduced by Mr. GRISSOM, of Granville.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill, No. 84, "For the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers," have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage, with the following amendments:

At the end of line 6, Sec. 1., after the words "may require," insert "or elsewhere, under the direction of the Surgeon General."

Sec. 2, line 6, after the word "Richmond," insert, "and any other place where our soldiers may happen to be."

Sec. 3, line 5, after the word "service," insert, "or from any hospital of this State, or of the protracted absence of any Surgeon from his post, on account of sickness or other cause."

Add the following sections:

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Surgeon General be authorized to establish in the City of Raleigh or elsewhere, as he may deem best, a depot for the collection of such supplies of medicines, hospital stores, clothing, &c., as may be required for the relief of the sick and wounded, and to engage the services of such employees as may be necessary for the proper management of the same,—the salaries of said employees to be determined by the Governor.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Surgeon General is authorized to establish and to maintain "way-side hospitals," at such points, within the limits of the State, as the necessities of the soldiers may require.

Sec. 7, (now sec. 5,) line 4, strike out all after the words,

"to be used by him," and insert, "for carrying out the purposes of this act."

Sec. 8, (now sec. 6,) line 3, strike out all after the word "ratification."

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. J. PERSON, *Ch'mn.*

A BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF OUR SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

WHEREAS, The condition of our sick and wounded soldiers now in the Confederate service, is distressing in the extreme and is daily becoming more pitiable; and, whereas, the Confederate Government is unable to extend to them that consideration and attention so richly merited by their sacrifices, and so imperatively demanded by their necessities; and, whereas, it is the solemn duty of the State of North Carolina to provide for their comfort and relief, without stint or limitation. Therefore, in order to organize more effectually the Medical Department of the State, and to provide more liberally and completely for the welfare of our sick and disabled soldiers :

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That an agent be appointed by the Governor, with the assimilated rank of Major, to reside in the city of Richmond, Va., so long as the necessities of the case may require, and whose duty it shall be under the direction of the Surgeon General of this State, to visit the Hospitals daily; to ascertain the wants of our sick and wounded, and to supply their necessities as far practicable; to aid such as may deserve furloughs and discharges in procuring them; to distribute the medical supplies forwarded by the State among the needy and deserving; to take charge of the North-Carolina Depot and to organize

14 and regulate it properly; and to do such other things for
15 the benefit of our sick and wounded, as, in the opinion of
16 the Surgeon General of the State, may be demanded by
17 their necessities.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That two Surgeons be ap-
2 pointed by the Governor, whose duty it shall be, under
3 the direction of the Surgeon General of the State, to visit
4 the camps and hospitals in North-Carolina, and in the
5 State of Virginia, beyond the limits of the City of Rich-
6 mond, for the purpose of ascertaining the wants, and sup-
7 plying, as far as practicable, the necessities of our sick and
8 wounded; to assist those in obtaining furloughs and dis-
9 charges who may deserve them; to render such additional
10 medical and surgical aid as may be necessary; and to do
11 such other things for the comfort and welfare of our sol-
12 diers as the Surgeon General may deem best.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever the Gov-
2 ernor shall be officially informed of the existence of a va-
3 cancy in the Medical Staff of any one of the Regiments or
4 Battalions from the State of North-Carolina, but in the
5 Confederate service, it shall be his duty to appoint some
6 competent medical man to fill the same, until a medical
7 officer is duly and permanently assigned thereto by the
8 Confederate authorities.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That in the event of the
2 return of our soldiers to the State, afflicted with small pox,
3 or other contagious disease, or the sudden appearance of
4 such disease in any locality within the limits of North-Car-
5 olina, it shall be the duty of the Surgeon General of the
6 State to secure proper medical attention for the said sol-
7 diers, and to provide against the spread of the disease
8 among the people.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the sum of two hun-
2 dred thousand dollars, (\$200,000,) be, and is hereby annu-
3 ally placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be used by
4 him (in supplying the wants and ameliorating the condition

5 of the sick and wounded soldiers from the State of North-
6 Carolina.)

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in
2 force from the date and day of its ratification, and until
3 the conclusion of the present war.

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